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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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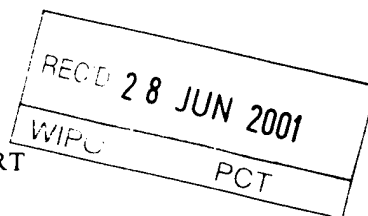
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



Applicant's or agent's file reference 20499 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/19585	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 18 JULY 2000	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 20 JULY 1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant MERCK & CO., INC.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the report
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 20 FEBRUARY 2001	Date of completion of this report 24 APRIL 2001
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*☒ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:pages 1-51, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____☒ the claims:pages 52-60, as originally filedpages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____☒ the drawings:pages 1-27, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____☒ the sequence listing part of the description:pages 1-21, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:☒ contained in the international application in printed form.☒ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. NONE☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-42</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-42</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-42</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-42 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an isolated DNA encoding a human calcium sensitive potassium channel beta2, beta3a, beta3b, beta3c, or beta3d subunit protein, an antibody to the protein, the human calcium sensitive potassium channel beta2, beta3a, beta3b, beta3c, or beta3d subunit proteins, a method for identifying substances that bind to human calcium sensitive potassium channel beta2, beta3a, beta3b, beta3c, or beta3d subunit proteins, a method of identifying activators or inhibitors of human calcium sensitive potassium channel beta2, beta3a, beta3b, beta3c, or beta3d subunit protein, a method of identifying DNA sequences in the beta3 gene that promote, enhance or repress gene transcription, a method of identifying nuclear factors involved in beta3 gene transcription regulation, and a method of identifying clones encoding nuclear factors involved in beta3 gene transcription regulation.

Claims 1-42 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) for industrial applicability.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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CLASSIFICATION:

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(7): C07K 14/47, 16/18; G01N 33/53, 33/567; C12N 5/10, 15/12, 15/63, 15/64 and US Cl.: 536/23.1, 23.5, 24.3, 24.31; 530/350, 387.1, 387.9; 435/ 69.1, 71.1, 71.2, 471, 320.1, 254.3, 254.11, 325, 6, 7.1, 7.2

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : Please See Extra Sheet.

US CL : Please See Extra Sheet.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 536/23.1, 23.5, 24.3, 24.31; 530/350, 387.1, 387.9; 435/ 69.1, 71.1, 71.2, 471, 320.1, 254.3, 254.11, 325, 6, 7.1, 7.2

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

Please See Extra Sheet.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,637,470 A (KACZOROWSKI et al.) 10 June 1997 (10.06.97), see entire document.	1-42
A	US 5,776,734 A (KACZOROWSKI et al.) 07 July 1998 (07.07.98), see entire document.	1-42

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"E" earlier document published on or after the international filing date	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"I" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"A" document member of the same patent family
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Electronic data bases consulted (Name of data base and where practicable terms used):

WEST, CAS ONLINE, MEDLINE, CAPLUS
search terms: calcium sensitive potassium channel beta2, beta3a, beta3b, beta3c, beta3d, nucleic acid, recombinant production, antibody, assay, binding, activator, inhibitor, gene transcription, nuclear factors